



SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

Please be aware that it is the policy of the Beede Center, with the safety of our members and guests in mind, to evacuate the pool and shower areas during a severe storm.

While no reported human injuries have occurred in indoor pools, it is the recommendation of the National Lightning Safety Institute to remove swimmers from indoor pools and shower areas during severe storms. There are multiple reported cases of mechanical damage to equipment located inside buildings that suffer a near ground or building strike.

Severe storms will be considered approaching thunder and lightning storms during the spring and summer months. Evidence of thunder indicates approaching weather and also places the approaching storm about 5 – 10 miles away. Unfortunately, lightning has the potential to strike over 10 miles away from an approaching storm.

Once members and guests have been evacuated, the pool area may not re-open until 30 minutes have passed with no severe storm activity.

These guidelines are also recommended by the following:

National Lightning Safety Institute, YMCA Service Corporation, Redwoods Insurance Group, NCAA, National Athletic Trainers Association, American College of Emergency Physicians, USA Swimming, The States of Delaware, North and South Dakota, Michigan, Rhode Island, and Maryland